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accordance with ancient custom, under such terms and conditions, and penalties for infringement, as may be prescribed.''

Amendment of section 20, Madras Act X of 1937. **4.** In section 20 of the said Act, clause (*b*) shall be omitted and clauses (*c*) and (*d*) shall be relettered (*b*) and (*c*) respectively.

APPENDIX XII.

[Vide item III (3) at page 59 supra]

L.A. BILL No. 19 OF 1938.

(As passed by the Assembly.)

A Bill further to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, *and the Madras Local Boards Act*, 1920, *for certain purposes.*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:— Madras Act V of 1920. Madras Act XIV of 1920.

Short title. **1.** This Act may be called the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1938.

Amendment of Madras Act V of 1920. **2.** In the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920— Madras Act V of 1920.

(i) after section 38, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Control over municipal electrical under-takings. "38-A. The administration by a municipal council of any undertaking for the generation, transmission, supply or use of electrical energy shall be subject to such control as may be prescribed, not inconsistent with the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, as in force for the time being, the rules made under that Act, and the terms of the licence granted under it to the municipal council."; IX of 1910

(ii) in section 71, after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(2-A) Any municipal council which has undertaken the generation, transmission, or

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supply of electrical energy, by special resolution may, and if so required by the Provincial Government shall, sanction a post of municipal electrical engineer.";

(iii) in the same section, in sub-section (4), for the words "or engineer", the words "engineer or electrical engineer" shall be substituted;

(iv) in section 72, in sub-section (1), for the words "or engineer", the words "engineer or electrical engineer" shall be substituted;

(v) in section 75, for the words "or a municipal engineer", the words "a municipal engineer or a municipal electrical engineer" shall be substituted;

(vi) in section 76-A, in clause (*a*), for the words "or the municipal engineer" the words "the municipal engineer or the municipal electrical engineer" shall be substituted;

(vii) in the same section, in clauses (*b*) and (*c*), for the words "or engineer", the words "engineer or electrical engineer" shall be substituted; and

(viii) in the same section, in clause (*d*), for the words "and engineers", the words "engineers and electrical engineers" shall be substituted.

Amendment of Madras Act XIV of 1920.

3. In the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920—

(i) after section 39, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Control over electrical undertakings of local boards.

"40. The administration by a local board of any undertaking for the generation, transmission, supply or use of electrical energy shall be subject to such control as may be prescribed, not inconsistent with the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, as in force for the time being, the rules made under that Act, and the terms of the licence granted under it to the local board.";

(ii) in section 68, in sub-section (1), for the words "a post of district engineer", the words "one or more posts of district engineer" and for the words "a post of district

panchayat officer ", the words " one or more posts of district panchayat officer " shall be substituted; and

(iii) after section 69-B, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

Appointment of electrical engineer for local boards.

" 69-C. (1) The Provincial Government may appoint an electrical engineer to any district board or panchayat which has undertaken the generation, transmission or supply of electrical energy.

(2) The Provincial Government may recover from the local board concerned the whole or such proportion of the salary and allowances paid to any officer appointed under sub-section (1), and such contribution towards his leave allowances, pension and provident fund as the Provincial Government may, by general or special order, determine.

(3) The Provincial Government shall have power to regulate the methods of recruitment, conditions of service, pay and allowances, and discipline and conduct, of the officers appointed under sub-section (1)."

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